

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takashi et al. (JP 2003-151691).¹

Claim 1

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite that the second resin mold is provided with a connector joined to the electronic part. This amendment is supported at least by the exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. 2, in which the second resin mold 21 is provided with terminal 23.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection at least because the holding structure as claimed in independent claim 1 would not have been obvious in view of Takashi. For example, the claimed holding structure in which the second resin is *provided with a connector joined to the electronic part*, and the positioning shape portion of the first resin mold *is provided with a through hole* for allowing an insert resin material to pass therein to form the second resin mold would not have been obvious in view of Takashi.

Regarding claim 1 and Takashi, the Examiner states:²

Takashi et al discloses a holding structure for an electronic part (5), including a first resin mold (20) which has a positioning shape portion for the

¹ Cited by Applicant in Information Disclosure Statement filed December 20, 2006.

² See Office Action at page 2.

electronic part, and a second resin mold (11) which is insert-molded so as to cover the first resin mold and the electronic part positioned with the first resin mold, characterized in that said positioning shape portion of said first resin mold is provided with a through hole (under terminal 2, 2a) for allowing an insert resin material to pass therein to form the second resin mold (Fig. 1).

However, the claimed holding structure would not have been obvious in view of Takashi. First, the Examiner states that the recited the housing 11 of Takashi corresponds to the recited “second resin mold.” However, as shown in FIG. 1 of Takashi, the housing 11 *is not provided with a connector.*

In addition, the positioning shape portion of Takashi’s member 20 is the portion from which the leader line for reference numeral 2b is extended. This portion is not provided with a through hole, as is apparent from FIG. 1 of Takashi.

Finally, the feature asserted by the Examiner as corresponding to the recited through hole (under terminal 2, 2a), is provided in the member 1CN, which is different from the member 20. Moreover, the through hole (under terminal 2, 2a) in the member 1CN does not allow an insert resin material to pass therein, but instead provides an air passage for establishing air communication between the atmosphere and an interior of the member 20. Thus, the positioning shape portion of the member 20 is not provided with *a through hole for allowing an insert resin material to pass therein.*

In view of the above, Takashi does not disclose all of the recitations of amended, independent claim 1, and there is no reasonable modification of Takashi’s device that would meet all of the recitations of claim 1.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of independent claim 1.

Claims 2-8

Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of dependent claims 2-8 at least because of their dependency from claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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